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### **Southeast Man Sentenced to Thirty Years Imprisonment for Murder**

**Washington, D.C.** – Acting United States Attorney Channing D. Phillips announced today that a 21-year-old District of Columbia man, Andre Mason, was sentenced on June 12, 2009, by Superior Court Judge Lynn Liebovitz to 30 years in prison for the murder of Delonte Borum on April 24, 2007. On April 10, 2009, after approximately two days of deliberation, a Superior Court jury found Mason, formerly of the 1100 block of Stevens Road, S.E., guilty of one count of Second Degree Murder While Armed, one count of Possession of a Firearm During a Crime of Violence, and one count of Carrying a Pistol Without a License.

According to the government's evidence presented at trial, on April 24, 2007, Andre Mason shot Delonte Borum three times as Borum was shooting dice, then hid the murder weapon in a house on 30th Street, S.E. After the murder, Mason confessed his involvement to others and attempted to obstruct justice by encouraging witnesses against him to change their stories.

In announcing the sentence, Acting United States Attorney Phillips commended the work of Metropolitan Police Detectives Lee Littlejohn, Randy Parker, George Blackwell, and Alfred Thomas Austin-Braxton of the Criminal Investigation Division Homicide Unit of the Metropolitan

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Police Department, along with Officers Sherrie Forester and Michael Jewell of the First District and Willie Higginbotham of the Fingerprint Identification Section. He also commended victim advocate Marci Rinker, and paralegal Sandra Lane of the United States Attorney's Office. Finally, the Acting U.S. Attorney Phillips praised Assistant U.S. Attorney Vinet Bryant who investigated and prosecuted this case.

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